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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
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SUBJECT: ARMORING NIAMEY'S NEW COM VEHICLE

1. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE COM'S NEW VEHICLE HAS NOT YET BEEN ORDERED. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE THIS FISCAL YEAR AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO ARR APPROX MID 1975. ARMORING THE NEW VEHICLE IN WASHINGTON WILL NOT ADVANCE ITS DELIVERY DATE. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE SOLVED THE MANIFOLD SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ALUMINUM AND WILL BE ABLE TO ARMOR THE VEHICLE IN WASHINGTON WITH MAX DELAY OF ONLY ONE MONTH, WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. FYI, BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF ALUMINUM AND INABILITY OF DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE PRIORITY BY DEFENSE, WE CANNOT MAKE ALUMINUM AVAILABLE TO RTC'S UNTIL LATTER PART OF THIS YEAR. ONCE THE ALUMINUM AVAILABLE TO RTC (IN YOUR CASE IN ADDIS ABABA), IT CAN BE TRANSSHIPPED TO YOU FOR SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATION. THEREFORE, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, YOU PROBABLY CANNOT HAVE YOUR PRESENT CAR ARMORED ON POST UNTIL EARLY 75. KISSINGER

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